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SUBJECT: SINAI FIELD MISSION PRESS GUIDANCE

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1. FIELD MISSION DIRECTOR THORNE AGREES TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE ASAP AFTER HIS RETURN TO CAIRO, EXACT TIME TO BE SCHEDULED UPON HIS ARRIVAL. WILL FURNISH HIS ETA SOONEST.
 2. WE BELIEVE INVITATIONS SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO ALL INTERESTED BONA FIDE JOURNALISTS OF ANY NATIONALITY.
 3. ALSO AGREE TO YOUR INSURING THAT GOE HAS NO OBJECTION.
 4. IN INTERIM, YOU MAY ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING AP-
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PARENT LACK OF SYMMETRY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: A) SYM-
METRY HAS BEEN AND WILL REMAIN A PRIORITY SFM GOAL.

DEPENDENT HOUSING IS BEING EVENLY DIVIDED BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES; R&R ARRANGEMENTS WILL ALSO BE DIVIDED. B) SFM CONTEMPLATES MAJOR PURCHASES IN EGYPT WITHIN THE MONTH AND WILL ADJUST BALANCE OF EXPENDITURES IN BOTH COUNTRIES ASAP AFTER FEBRUARY 22 WHEN BUFFER ZONE MOVES FROM ISRAELI TO UNEF CONTROL. C) IN LIGHT OF SFM'S FEBRUARY 22 DEAD-LINE FOR SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY, RELATIVE

EASE OF CONVOYING APPROXIMATELY 180,000 POUNDS OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FROM EACH E-SYSTEMS FLIGHT ENTIRELY BY LAND PREVAILS OVER ROUTE THAT INVOLVES NIGHT-TIME CANAL CROSSINGS.

5. REFTTEL GIVES NO INDICATION OF OTHER CATEGORIES OF PRESS QUERIES. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE UPON RECEIPT OF FURTHER DETAILS, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD BE HAPPIER IF JOURNALISTS COULD BE PREVAILED UPON TO WAIT FOR THORNE'S ARRIVAL. KISSINGER

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